



# Homestead National Monument of America

## 2017 Special Events and Programs

### Staking Your Claim on Nebraska!

### Celebrating Nebraska's 150<sup>th</sup>

**Admission to all events, exhibits and displays – free!**

#### Temporary Exhibits at the Education Center

January-July 2017: *The Way They Saw Us*

October – January 2017: *Legacy of Nebraska*

November 26 – December 31, 2017: *Winter Festival of Prairie Cultures*

#### **JANUARY**

7 & 8	Sat-Sun	2:00 p.m.	<b>Film Festival:</b> Great Plains: America's Linger Wild
14 & 15	Sat-Sun	2:00 p.m.	<b>Film Festival:</b> Willa Cather: The Road is All
21 & 22	Sat-Sun	2:00 p.m.	<b>Film Festival:</b> John G. Neihardt Documentary with Dick Cavett
26	Thursday	7:00 p.m.	<b>NE150 Book Discussion at Beatrice Library</b> – <i>Ham, Eggs and Corn Cake: A Nebraska Territory Diary</i>
28 & 29	Sat-Sun	2:00 p.m.	<b>Film Festival:</b> Homemade Astronaut: The Clay Anderson Story

#### **FEBRUARY**

4 & 5	Sat-Sun	2:00 p.m.	<b>Film Festival:</b> Struggle and Triumph: The Legacy of George Washington Carver – Celebrating Black History Month
11 & 12	Sat-Sun	2:00 p.m.	<b>Film Festival:</b> Frontier Photographer
18 & 19	Sat-Sun	2:00 p.m.	<b>Film Festival:</b> Standing Bear's Footsteps
23	Thursday	7:00 p.m.	<b>NE150 Book Discussion at Beatrice Library</b> – <i>Hector's Bliss: Black Homesteaders at Goose Lake, Nebraska</i>
25	Saturday	1:00 p.m.	<b>Junior Ranger Program:</b> Explore Your Winter World
25	Saturday	2:00 p.m.	<b>Film Festival:</b> Frontier University - <i>Developing UNL</i>
26	Sunday	1:00 p.m.	<b>Film Festival:</b> Frontier University - <i>Developing UNL</i>
26	Sunday	2:00 p.m.	<b>Program and Book Signing:</b> Author Dave Hendee – <i>Nebraska: 150 Years Told Through 93 Counties</i>

#### **MARCH**

1	Wednesday	1:00 p.m.	<b>Happy Statehood Day Nebraska! Storytelling, Music and Cake!!</b>
2 & 3	Thur-Fri	9:30 a.m.	<b>Heartland Storytelling Festival-Celebrating Nebraska's 150<sup>th</sup></b>
4	Saturday	2:00 p.m.	<b>Film Festival:</b> Woman's History Month – <i>Medicine Woman</i>
5	Sunday	1:00 p.m.	<b>Film Festival:</b> Woman's History Month – <i>Medicine Woman</i>
5	Sunday	2:00 p.m.	<b>Program and Book Signing:</b> Author Joe Starita – “A Warrior of the People” about Susan La Flesche
23	Thursday	7:00 p.m.	<b>NE150 Book Discussion at Education Center</b> – <i>From Society Page to Front Page: Nebraska Women in Journalism</i>
25	Saturday	1:00 p.m.	<b>Junior Ranger Program:</b> Kids Birding Basics

#### **APRIL**

15 - 23	Sat-Sun		<b>National Park Week</b>
22	Saturday	1:00 p.m.	<b>Junior Ranger Program:</b> – <i>Kids and Families, Birding Basics!</i>
27	Thursday	7:00 p.m.	<b>NE150 Book Discussion at Beatrice Library</b> – One book, one Nebraska Selection: <i>Black Elk Speaks</i>

#### **MAY**

5	Friday	8:00 a.m.	<b>Birds &amp; Bagels</b>
6	Saturday	8:00 a.m.	<b>Birds &amp; Bagels</b>
18	Thursday	7:00 p.m.	<b>NE150 Book Discussion at Education Center</b> – <i>Fighting Liberal: The Autobiography of George Norris</i>
20	Saturday	7:00 a.m.	<b>Homestead Critter Count - BioBlitz</b>
27	Saturday	10:00 a.m.	<b>Tallgrass Prairie Fiddle Festival – Workshop</b>
27	Saturday	1:00 p.m.	<b>Tallgrass Prairie Fiddle Festival - Competition</b>

## JUNE

2	Friday	8:00 a.m.	Birds & Bagels
3	Saturday	8:00 a.m.	Birds & Bagels
14	Wednesday	2:00 p.m.	U.S. Immigration Naturalization Ceremony - <i>U.S. Flag Day</i>
23-25	Fri-Sun		Homestead Days – <i>Music, living history, farming demonstrations, children's festival</i>

## JULY

1	Saturday	10:00 a.m.	Kids in Parks Program / Nature Detective Series <i>Birdie Basics</i>
4	Tuesday	7:00 p.m.	July 4 <sup>th</sup> Heritage Campfire Program
8	Saturday	10:00 a.m.	Kids in Parks Program / Nature Detective <i>Creek Critters</i>
8	Saturday	7:00 p.m.	Heritage Campfire Program
14-15	Fri-Sat		Land Records and Genealogy Symposium in partnership with SCC
15	Saturday	10:00 a.m.	Kids in Parks Program / Nature Detective <i>The Great Bug Hunt</i>
15	Saturday	7:00 p.m.	Heritage Campfire Program
22	Saturday	10:00 a.m.	Kids in Parks Program / Nature Detective <i>Prairie Plant Prowl</i>
22	Saturday	7:00 p.m.	Heritage Campfire Program
29	Saturday	10:00 a.m.	Kids in Parks Program / Nature Detective <i>Who Goes There?</i>
29	Saturday	7:00 p.m.	Heritage Campfire Program

## AUGUST

5	Saturday	10:00 a.m.	Kids in Parks Program / Nature Detective <i>Bioblitz</i>
5	Saturday	7:00 p.m.	Heritage Campfire Program
12	Saturday	7:00 p.m.	Heritage Campfire Program
19	Saturday		Solar Eclipse Weekend
20	Sunday		Solar Eclipse Weekend
21	Monday		Total Solar Eclipse - <i>Darkness on the Prairie</i>
25	Friday		Happy 101 Birthday, National Park Service!

## SEPTEMBER

2-4	Sat-Mon		Labor Day Weekend – Living History
3	Sunday	10:00 a.m.	Cars of the Homestead Era 1900-1980's Car Show
4	Monday	10:00 a.m.	8 <sup>th</sup> Annual Old Fashioned Spelling Bee at the Freeman School
17	Sunday	2:00 p.m.	Hispanic Heritage Month – <i>Special Program</i>
18	Monday	2:00 p.m.	U.S. Immigration Naturalization Ceremony – <i>Constitution Day</i>
20	Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	Prairie Visions Writing Festival ( <i>Grades 9-12</i> )
28	Thursday	7:00 p.m.	NE150 Book Discussion at Education Center – <i>Mother Mason</i>
30	Saturday	9:30 a.m.	Public Lands Day Volunteer Project – <i>Deer Survey</i>

## OCTOBER

7	Saturday	9:30 a.m.	Prairie Work Day - <i>A Prairie Appreciation Week Event</i>
8	Sunday	2:00 p.m.	5 <sup>th</sup> Annual Homestead Hedge Apple Festival
15	Sunday	2:00 p.m.	Family History Month - <i>Special Speaker</i>
26	Thursday	7:00 p.m.	NE150 Book Discussion at Beatrice Library –
28	Saturday	6:00 p.m.	Howling Homestead

## NOVEMBER

5	Sunday	1:00 p.m.	Program and Book Signing: Author Dave Hendee – Nebraska: 150 Years Told Through 93 Counties
5	Sunday	2:00 p.m.	Todd Williams “Painting the Legacy” Nebraska 150 <sup>th</sup> event
12	Sunday	2:00 p.m.	American Indian Heritage Month Program - <i>Special Speaker</i>
24-26	Fri – Sun		Junior Ranger Weekend
25	Saturday	2:00 p.m.	Junior Ranger Program – <i>Kids, Explore Your Autumn World</i>
26	Sunday	2:00 p.m.	Winter Festival of Prairie Cultures - <i>Special Speaker</i>

## DECEMBER

3	Sunday	2:00 p.m.	Winter Festival of Prairie Cultures - <i>Special Speaker</i>
10	Sunday	2:00 p.m.	Winter Festival of Prairie Cultures - <i>Special Speaker</i>

Visitor Center Hours:  
Mon-Fri: 8:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.  
Sat-Sun: 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.  
Trails Open Dawn till Dusk



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